



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT W. BARROW



**Retired effective February 29, 2000, as commander, California Air National Guard.**

Major General Robert W. Barrow is the director of the Joint Staff of the California National Guard. He is responsible for nearly twenty diverse functional program areas that provide operational, service and support assistance to local, state and federal authorities, and to the California Army and Air National Guard. As director, he serves as the senior California National Guard officer responsible to the Adjutant General for insuring operationally trained, equipped and mission-ready forces are provided for Military Support to Civil Authorities involving emergency response, relief and recovery operations, counterdrug operations, and terrorism response throughout California. He also serves as the commander, Joint Task Force-Domestic Support, which focuses on counterdrug, antiterrorism and youth program operational matters.

The general entered the Air Force in 1965 after graduating from the San Jose State College ROTC program. After receiving his pilot's wings in 1966, he completed duty assignments in Thailand and West Germany. He joined the California Air National Guard in 1974 where he has held positions as chief of safety, group deputy commander for operations, air commander and commander of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Group. In May 1985 he transferred to the Headquarters, California Air National Guard, as director of operations and in 1986 became chief of staff. In 1990 he was appointed deputy commander, and then served as commander of the California Air National Guard from January 1993 to September 1999. He assumed the position as director of the Joint Staff in July 1999. He is a command pilot, having flown more than 3,500 hours, including 135 combat missions in fighter aircraft in Southeast Asia.

#### **EDUCATION:**

- 1965 Bachelor of arts degree in psychology, San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif.
- 1972 Master of science degree in systems management, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 1976 Master's degree in public administration, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 1979 Air Command and Staff College
- 1982 Air War College
- 1993 Army War College Senior Reserve Component Officer Course, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
- 1996 Reserve Component National Security Course, Washington, DC
- 1998 Executive Program in National Security Management, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. April 1965 - May 1966, student pilot, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.
2. May 1966 - December 1966, F-4C combat crew training , Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. And MacDill Air Force Base Fla.
3. January 1967 - February 1967, USAF Advanced Survival Training, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.
4. March 1967, PACAF Jungle Survival School, Clark Air Base, Philippines
5. March 1967 - December 1967, pilot, F-4C Phantom II, 433<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ubon Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand
6. January 1968 - May 1968, pilot and squadron weapons officer, F-4C/D, Tactical Fighter Squadron, Bitburg Air Base, West Germany
7. May 1968 - September 1968, forward air controller/pilot and squadron weapons officer, F-4C/D. 23<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Bitburg Air Base, West Germany
8. September 1968 - May 1971, pilot and squadron weapons officer, F-4E, 525<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron Bitburg Air Base, West Germany
9. May 1974 - January 1975, budget and management analysis officer, 163<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Interceptor Group, Ontario Air National Guard Base, Calif.
10. May 1975, student, Air Ground Operations School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
11. March 1975 - June 1977. O-2A/B pilot, forward air controller, quality control officer, operations plans officer, 163<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Air Support Group, Ontario Air National Guard Base, Calif.
12. June 1977 - August 1981, chief of safety, 163<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Air Support Group, Ontario Air National Guard Base, Calif.
13. August 1981 - June 1984, deputy commander for operations and director Air Support Operations Center, 163<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Air Support Group, Ontario Air National Guard Base, Calif.
14. June 1984 - May 1985, commander, 163<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Group, March Air Force Base, Calif.
15. May 1985 - April 1990, director of operations, chief of staff, Headquarters, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.
16. April 1990 - December 1992, deputy commander, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.
17. October 1992 - January 1993, acting Adjutant General, California National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.
18. January 1993 - September 1999, commander, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.
19. July 1999 - present, director, Joint Staff, California National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.
20. November 2000 - present, commander, Joint Task Force-Domestic Support, California National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,500

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-4C/D/E, T-33, O-2A/B, C-131, C-26, C-130E

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Distinguished Service Medal

Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with two service stars

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Twelve years in Boy Scouts, achieving the Eagle Scout award, Inglewood, Calif., 1958  
Recipient of the "Top Gun" award while a member of the 525<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Bitburg Air Base, West Germany, 1970  
36<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing nominee for James Martin Award for saving an F-4 after major in-flight aircraft damage due to lightning strike, Bitburg Air Base, West Germany, 1971  
Co-author of a U. S. Department of Transportation study report on risk analysis in hazardous material transportation, University of Southern California, 1973  
Co-Chair, Air Force/Air National Guard Western Region Airspace and Ranges Committee, 1994-1996  
Board of Directors, The Comstock Club, Sacramento, Calif., 1994-1996  
Vice Chair, Air National Guard Board of Directors, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D. C., 1997-1999  
Chairman, Standing Committee on Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction, Air National Guard Board of Directors, Washington, D. C., 1998-1999  
Member of the General Officer Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Board, National Guard Bureau, Washington D. C., 1997-present  
Senior Officer Focal Point for Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction, California National Guard, Sacramento, Calif., 1997-present  
Senior National Guard Representative, California State Standing Committee on Terrorism, 1998-present  
Chairman, California National Guard Standing Committee on Terrorism, Sacramento, Calif., 1998-present

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Jan 29, 1965
First Lieutenant	Oct 18, 1966
Captain	Jun 3, 1968
Major	Dec 30, 1977
Lieutenant Colonel	Dec 30, 1981
Colonel	Dec 30, 1984
Brigadier General	May 15, 1991
Major General	Sep 23, 1994

(Current as of November 2000)